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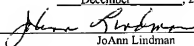
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action of August 20, 2008. This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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